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For: THIN PLATE FORMATION METHOD, THIN  
PLATE AND SUSPENSION CORRECTION  
APPARATUS, AND CORRECTION METHOD

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2007, and prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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